

Weekly Focus

Friday 11th November

Dear Parents and Guardians,

And here we are at the end of another week at Knaphill Lower School—there have been lots of highlights this week with the biggest and best highlight being our Year 2 London trip, which took place on Tuesday. As well as that, we have continued our journey of understanding growth mindset and we have understood the importance of Remembrance.

What we've achieved this week

Growth mindset in Action

Our assemblies this week have continued to focus on growth mindset and we have used the Class Dojo videos to understand that our intelligence isn't fixed and our brains are like muscles—we can make them grow through practise and learning. To view our first video, click this link: <https://ideas.classdojo.com/i/growth-mindset-1>

Growth mindset already seems to be having an impact since the beginning of this half-term, as I am certainly noticing an increase in Headteacher Awards, which focus on children's effort and determination to be the best they can be. I have awarded around 30 stickers this week, which have covered phonics, art, English and maths learning!

Year 2 London Trip

For the first time in Knaphill history (at least to my knowledge!) we took our Year 2 children to London for the day. Throughout the whole trip, we were blown away by the standard of behaviour and how well all of our children represented Knaphill. In fact, we were so impressed by their behaviour that each class was awarded the Star of the Week certificate as it was impossible to identify just one shining example. This trip allowed children to understand what the London skyline looked like from up high (on the London Eye) and down low as we travelled under bridges during our Thames River Cruise. We believe this experience gives children the real life experience of our capital city and we be essential in supporting their learning during Year 2 and beyond that. Real life learning and experience is best!



Remembrance Day

At 11 o'clock this morning, on the 11th day of the 11th month, we took part in a virtual Remembrance assembly, which allowed our children to understand the importance of this day and what it means to different people. From Reception to Year 2, our children and staff took part in the two minute silence, during which we considered the importance of respect, reflection and peace.

What's happening next week

Year 1 geography walk: Next week, our Year 1 children are heading off on a geographical walk around Knaphill on Monday morning, which will lead to them creating simple maps before our Night Walk. We have been informed that the Night Walk may clash with England's football schedule, so the date will be reconsidered—watch this space next week!

Anti-bullying/ friendship week: As you will have seen from our communication this week, we will be taking a good look at friendships next week. I will include lots of examples of this in next week's weekly update.

Lastly, some of you may have met the lovely Mrs Hampshire, who is now working in our KLS office. We are very pleased to have Mrs Hampshire with us as part of the team—please say hello if you are in school in the next few weeks. Have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes,
Miss Harbridge

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Value of the week: Courage

This week we continued our exploration of Growth Mindset and how it takes courage to understand we haven't learned something... 'Yet'. The children have explored through assemblies that to learn something new they need to give it a go and make mistakes. Their mistakes are so important because they are a vital part of their learning journey.

Community

Armistice Day

The children have taken part in Armistice Day this today and observed the two minutes silence impeccably. In school, Miss Glass led an assembly and myself and Mr Greenwood attended the service at the Knaphill memorial with some children who read poetry they had written themselves. We were seriously impressed with the quality of the poems and the clarity of the speaking—all in front of our local MP.



Second Hand Christmas Jumper Sale and Donations

The PTA are planning to hold a second hand Christmas Jumper sale on Monday 21st November.

If you have any good condition adult or child sized Christmas Jumpers that you would like to donate, please drop them into the school office where the PTA Team can collect them.

We look forward to seeing you at the Junior School after pick up on the 21st to grab a Christmas Jumper bargain!

What's happening in school



Planetarium visit

Year 5 were given the opportunity to develop their space knowledge with a 'hands-on' experience in the planetarium. It came into school and the presenter explained all about how where Earth is in the solar system helps create the seasons amongst lots of other exciting discoveries.

Gruel?

Year 6 were able to experience the Dickensian classic of gruel to see if they agreed with Oliver: the boy who wanted more. The children used this experience to develop their writing and we were very impressed with the quality of vocabulary the children used as a result.



TTrockstars

The latest results in TTrockstars tournaments were announced during assembly last week and can be seen here. Well done to 6A, 5F, 4B and joint winners 3D and 3J. Now the tournament is between boys and girls in each year group, where the boys have taken an early lead.

21st October - 3rd November 2022					
3J	180	3D	180	3R	49
21st October - 3rd November 2022					
5F	230	5SC	44	5G	6
21st October - 3rd November 2022					
4B	105	4M	42	4R	26
21st October - 3rd November 2022					
6A	615	6H	62	6S	28

House point winners of the week

Congratulations this week go to Farah for winning the house point totals for this week with 124. An excellent amount of house points which have been earned through hard work, perseverance and knowing that they can achieve if they keep trying! Below is the current termly update on totals.

	Windsor	Farah	Attenborough	Rowling
Total	897	993	886	854

What's happening next week?

Anti-Bullying week : Cool to be Kind

Over the course of the week, we will be looking at friendships and relationships and identifying how to be a good friend. We will be doing this as part of an Anti-Bullying week, designed to show children that they need to live our school values to ensure that our school is a happy, safe and fun learning environment for all of our learners. These are key skills for life.

Odd Socks Day

On Monday, the children will be invited to wear odd socks to school. This is not for fundraising, but instead for the children to think about and to celebrate the differences that we all have, whilst understanding that we are all equal. Children will wear odd socks with their normal uniform for that day to celebrate all of our individuality.

Children in Need

On Friday 18th November, we will be supporting Children in Need at Knaphill School. We will be raising funds through a non-uniform day where we are inviting children to dress to the theme of the day 'Be SPOT-acular'. Children can wear spotty themed clothes, but they don't have to. We just ask that you donate to the Just Giving page what you can spare to support those who may be in more need than yourselves.

What we've achieved this week

Rock climbing walls

We saw our bouldering walls installed this week which have been used by children throughout the week. The development of their core muscles will be enhanced through regular play on these. We have been delighted to see them so well used and to hear the hubbub of children talking excitedly about the new challenges that they create.



SEND Meetings

This week saw our SEND meeting take place and it was wonderful to have parent in discussing SEND at school. We value the opinions of the parents hugely as we are trying to achieve together, with our community. A part of this meeting discussed how communication for SEND could be better, and from next week we will be adding an SEND section to this newsletter as a starting point. Together, we can achieve anything.

Have a wonderful weekend and week ahead.

Best wishes,

Mrs Harrison

Online Safety

At National Online Safety, we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information to hold an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should they feel it is needed. This guide focuses on one of many apps which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit www.nationalonlinesafety.com for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about WHATSAPP



WhatsApp is the world's most popular messaging service, with around two billion users exchanging texts, photos, videos and documents, as well as making voice and video calls. Its end-to-end encryption means messages can only be viewed by the sender and any recipients: not even WhatsApp can read them. Updates to its privacy policy in 2021 (involving sharing data with parent company Facebook) caused millions to leave the app, but the new policy was widely misinterpreted – it only related to WhatsApp's business features, not to personal messages.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

SCAMS

Fraudsters occasionally send WhatsApp messages pretending to offer prizes – encouraging the user to click on a link to win. Other common scams involve warning someone that their WhatsApp subscription has run out (aiming to dupe them into disclosing payment details) or impersonating a friend or relative and asking for money to be transferred to help with an emergency.

DISAPPEARING MESSAGES

Users can set WhatsApp messages to disappear in 24 hours, 7 days or 90 days by default. Photos and videos can also be instructed to disappear after the recipient has viewed them. These files can't be saved or forwarded – so if your child was sent an inappropriate message, it would be difficult to prove any wrongdoing. However, the receiver can take a screenshot and save that as evidence.

ENABLING FAKE NEWS

WhatsApp has unfortunately been linked to accelerating the spread of dangerous rumours. In India in 2018, some outbreaks of mob violence appear to have been sparked by false allegations being shared on the app. WhatsApp itself took steps to prevent its users circulating hazardous theories and speculation in the early weeks of the Covid-19 pandemic.

POTENTIAL CYBERBULLYING

Group chat and video calls are great for connecting with multiple people in WhatsApp, but there is always the potential for someone's feelings to be hurt by an unkind comment or joke. The 'only admins' feature gives the admin(s) of a group control over who can send messages. They can, for example, block people from posting in a chat, which could make a child feel excluded and upset.

CONTACT FROM STRANGERS

To start a WhatsApp chat, you only need the mobile number of the person you want to message (the other person also needs to have the app). WhatsApp can access the address book on someone's device and recognise which of their contacts also use the app. So if your child has ever given their phone number to someone they don't know, that person could use it to contact them via WhatsApp.

LOCATION SHARING

The 'live location' feature lets users share their current whereabouts, allowing friends to see their movements. WhatsApp describes it as a "simple and secure way to let people know where you are." It is a useful method for a young person to let loved ones know they're safe – but if they used it in a chat with people they don't know, they would be exposing their location to them, too.

Advice for Parents & Carers

[CLICK HERE](#)

CREATE A SAFE PROFILE

Even though someone would need a child's phone number to add them as a contact, it's also worth altering a young person's profile settings to restrict who can see their photo and status. The options are 'everyone', 'my contacts' and 'nobody' – choosing one of the latter two ensures that your child's profile is better protected.



EXPLAIN ABOUT BLOCKING

If your child receives spam or offensive messages, calls or files from a contact, they should block them using 'settings' in the chat. Communication from a blocked contact won't show up on their device and stays undelivered. Blocking someone does not remove them from your child's contact list – so they also need to be deleted from the address book.



REPORT POTENTIAL SCAMS

Young people shouldn't engage with any message that looks suspicious or too good to be true. When your child receives a message from an unknown number for the first time, they'll be given the option to report it as spam. If the sender claims to be a friend or relative, call that person on their usual number to verify it really is them, or if it's someone trying to trick your child.



LEAVE A GROUP

If your child is in a group chat that is making them feel uncomfortable, or has been added to a group that they don't want to be part of, they can use WhatsApp's group settings to leave. If someone exits a group, the admin can add them back in once; if they leave a second time, it is permanent.



THINK ABOUT LOCATION

If your child needs to use the 'live location' function to show you or one of their friends where they are, advise them to share their location only for as long as they need to. WhatsApp gives a range of 'live location' options, and your child should manually stop sharing their position as soon as it is no longer needed.



DELETE ACCIDENTAL MESSAGES

If your child posts a message they want to delete, WhatsApp allows the user seven minutes to erase a message. Tap and hold on the message, choose 'delete' and then 'delete for everyone.' However, it's important to remember that recipients may have seen (and taken a screenshot of) a message before it was deleted.



CHECK THE FACTS

You can now fact-check WhatsApp messages that have been forwarded at least five times, by double-tapping the magnifying glass icon to the right of the message. From there, your child can launch a Google search and decide for themselves whether the message was true or not.



Meet Our Expert

Parveen Kaur is a social media expert and digital media consultant who is passionate about improving digital literacy for parents and children. She has extensive experience in the social media arena and is the founder of Kids N Clicks: a web resource that helps parents and children thrive in a digital world.



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Dates 2022-23

New events are being added every week—these will be in red so you can add them to your diary!

Autumn dates:

14/11 Anti-bullying Week

14/11 Odd Socks Day

14/11 Year 1 Knaphill geography walk (from 9:15am)

18/11 Children in Need (Non-Uniform Day)

25/11—Year 1 night walk (time TBC)

25/11—Year 1 night walk @ 5:30

01/12 Dragonfly Nativity (Thursday) @ 9:30- parents invited

02/12 Ladybird Nativity (Friday)@ 9:30- parents invited

05/12 Butterfly Nativity (Monday)@ 9:30- parents invited

07/12 KS1 Christmas Dinner

8/12 **KS Christmas Jumper Day**

12/12 Year 5 & 6 Carol Concert @ Holy Trinity Church (Timings TBC)

12/12 Year 2 Nativity @ 2pm- parents invited

13/12 Year 2 Nativity@ 9:15- parents invited

15/12 Year 1 Carol Concert @ 14.15

19/12 KLS Christmas Parties (PM) - in classrooms

19/12 Year 3 & 4 Christmas Performance @ Holy Trinity Church (Timings TBC)

26/11 (Saturday) New to Reception Stay and Play Session

Last day of Autumn Term—Tuesday 20th December 2022

INSET days:

3rd January INSET day

20th February INSET day

7th July INSET day

PTA Events

2nd December for the non uniform day

Sunday 11th December—Christmas Fair/ Market